

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSAL CITY, TEXAS
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 15, 2019

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor John Williams at 6:30 p.m.

2. **QUORUM CHECK:** Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

Present:

Mayor John Williams
Mayor Pro Tem Richard Neville
Councilmember Bexar Goolsby
Councilmember Tom Maxwell
Councilmember Paul Najarian
Councilmember William Shelby
Councilmember Beverly Volle

Present:

Ken Taylor, City Manager
Kim Turner, Assistant City Manager
Habib Erkan, City Attorney
Manuel Casarez, Fire Chief
Kristin Mueller, City Clerk
Gary Speer, Police Chief

Mayor Williams noted a quorum was present.

3. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro Tem Neville gave the invocation.

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG:** Led by Mayor Williams.

5. **VOTE TO CONSIDER THE EXCUSE OF ABSENT MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS:**

No action was necessary; all members were present.

6. **AWARDS/PROCLAMATION/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Mayor Williams and Councilmembers read the School Choice Week Proclamation, declaring January 20 - 26, 2019 as Universal City School Choice Week.

Mayor Williams and Councilmembers read the National Mentoring Month Proclamation, declaring January 2019 as National Mentoring Month. Mayor Williams introduced Sonya Chapa-Weber, the Mentor Coordinator with Communities in Schools – South Texas. Also present to accept the proclamation was Amy Fey, Principal Secretary; Cynthia Ward, Principal of Rose Garden Elementary; JoAnna Wold, CIS Rose Garden Site Coordinator; Marlene Cullen, Mentor; Sue and Bob Miller, Mentors; Claude Kucinski, Mentor; and Ed Pickrel, Mentor.

Police Chief Gary Speer announced that the Universal City Police Department participated in “No Shave November” and “Do Not Shave December” to help raise money for charity. This year, the department raised \$1,200 and donated it to Shiners Hospitals for Children.

7. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 2, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Neville seconded the motion.

Vote: Yeas: Shelby, Neville, Goolsby, Maxwell, Najarian, Volle
Nays: None

Motion to approve carried.

8. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Consider Resolution 873: A Resolution authorizing a project at 315 Pat Booker Rd, which will facilitate the promotion and development of new or expanded commercial development,**

and which was approved by Board of Directors of the Universal City Economic Development Corporation on 10 January 2019; and, providing an effective date. (First Reading).

Assistant City Manager Kim Turner stated that the EDC agreed at their last meeting to reimburse the owners of 315 Pat Booker Rd up to 50% of their project cost, \$30,357.00

Councilmember Maxwell moved to approve Resolution 873. Councilmember Goolsby seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Maxwell, Goolsby, Neville, Najarian, Shelby, Volle
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

B. Consider: Accepting a 0.214 Acre and a 1.669 Acre Drainage Easement at Olympia Hills Golf Course from the Universal City Economic Development Corporation.

Ms. Turner said that this easement is required to finish off the plat for the hotel project near Olympia Hills.

Councilmember Maxwell moved to accept the drainage easement. Councilmember Volle seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Maxwell, Volle, Neville, Goolsby, Najarian, Shelby
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

10. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discuss & Consider Ordinance 258-K-2019: An Ordinance amending the Traffic Control Sign Ordinance 258 as amended (Sec. 3-4-15. Codified) to add an additional "No U-Turn Location" on a certain section of Athenian Drive, providing for a 30-day grace period before commencement of enforcement; providing penalties for violations of said Ordinance; setting an effective date, and amending the Universal City Code of Ordinances Accordingly. (Second Reading).

Councilmember Goolsby moved to approve Ordinance 258-K-2019. Mayor Pro Tem Neville seconded the motion.

**Vote: Yeas: Goolsby, Neville, Maxwell, Najarian, Shelby, Volle
Nays: None**

Motion to approve carried.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Taylor reported that in 2010 voters approved a bond for \$19.5 million for street repairs. Of that \$19.5 million, \$5.3 million was issued in 2010, \$1.2 million in 2013, and \$5 million in 2016. In 2019, \$3 million will be issued for the East Aviation project. That leaves only \$4.9 million left to issue. He wanted to bring that to the Council's attention because they will need to consider securing funds for future road projects in the near future.

Also, Mr. Taylor stated the City's goal when it comes to water rights is to be prepared in the case of a water supply crisis. The current amount of water rights that the City has available is 3,596 acre feet. Additionally, Universal City currently budgets for an additional 60 acre feet from EEAA each year.

Furthermore, Universal City leases back its surplus of 163.8 acre feet back to the EAA each year. Universal City has arranged to purchase 800 acre feet of Carrizo water. In 2018, the amount of water Universal City pumped was 2512 acre feet. After reduction and use, there was an excess of 828 acre feet. Mr. Taylor stated that Universal City has planned wisely when it comes to water rights and the water supply is insured for at least fifty years.

Mr. Taylor also asked Ms. Turner to give an update on the recent improvements made to Olympia Hills Golf Course and Conference Center.

12. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilmember Najarian reminded everyone that Snowfest is Saturday, February 16th and also reminded everyone to sign up for It's Time Texas Community Challenge.

Councilmember Shelby said that Universal City is sliding into 4th place for the It's Time Texas Community Challenge and asked everyone to keep posting their activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Neville stated that there is a new Hawaiian food place in town. Also, he announced that he joined the upcoming Citizens Police Academy and invited everyone to attend the next Hangar Doors are Open meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at Olympia Hills.

Councilmember Goolsby thanked City staff for their work on the No U-Turn ordinance. Also, he mentioned that he keeps hearing how hard it is to do construction in Universal City from other sources was asked to bring it to City staff's attention.

Councilmember Volle said she agreed with Councilmember Goolsby's comments. Also, she mentioned that the building that used to house the Homes for Homeless Resale Shop had been demolished.

Councilmember Maxwell dittoed Councilmember Goolsby's comments but also stated that he is extremely happy that the process permitting, and inspection process existed because it saved him and his family a lot of money. Also, Councilmember Maxwell asked for an update on the street projects at the next meeting. Finally, he mentioned that the 2018 End of Year Report was very well done and that the City has come a long way.

13. MAYORAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Williams:

1. Stated that Aaron's had their Grand Re-opening last Saturday. It was great event and the building looks beautiful;
2. Mentioned he will be attending a JLUS meeting on Thursday in Schertz;
3. Said that he and Mayor Carpenter from Schertz went to meet with the Governor's senior staff last Wednesday to discuss the proposed cap on Property Tax rates. All the cities present opposed their new bill for a 2.5% cap;
4. Revealed that he will be attending the Mississippi Freedom Riders event on January 17th at Design Glitz & Glamour Salon on Aviation; and
5. Announced that he will be filming the It's Time Texas Community Challenge video this week and encouraged everyone to continue participating in the program.

14. ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kristin Mueller, City Clerk

John Williams, Mayor

